

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

With respect to the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 22, 2004, the applicants have no copies of the two web-site printouts meeting the Examiner's requirement for additional information. It is presumed that the Examiner will at least consider the documents that have been submitted even though exact author, date, etc. data cannot be obtained.

In response to the rejection of claims 1, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, sixth paragraph, the claims have been reviewed and amended above so as to put them all in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112.

Accordingly, all outstanding formal issues are now believed to have been resolved in the applicant's favor.

The provisional allowance of claims 1-10 is appreciatively noted and it is accordingly believed that these claims are now in allowed condition.

The Examiner's attention is also drawn to new method claims 11-20 which are generally analogous to apparatus claims 1-10 respectively. These method claims are also believed to be in allowable condition.

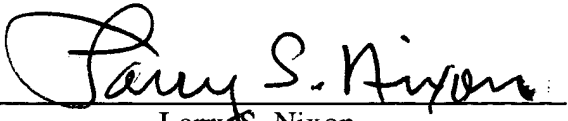
Accordingly, this entire application is now believed to be in allowable condition and a formal Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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